

In the Claims:

The following is a list of claims currently pending in this application and their current status. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings in this application.

1. (Currently amended) A computer-aided method of collaborating on the terms and conditions of shipment and sale, the creation of documents and the tracking of an international shipment of goods and approving payment from a credit facility or demand deposit account, the collaboration including an exporter, an importer and an importer's bank, the method including:

setting authorizations for international shipment participants to enter, view and approve aspects of data that

record conditions and instructions for payment from the importer to the exporter,

track progress of the international shipment participants toward meeting the conditions for payment, and

allow the importer to electronically approve payment to the exporter by the importer's bank from the credit facility or demand deposit account;

receiving and recording agreed conditions and instructions for payment;

mapping fields of documents needed to evidence fulfillment to the data recording the conditions and instructions for payment and establishing synchronization rules for propagation of data among and editing of the mapped fields;

applying the synchronization rules to propagate the data to the documents needed to evidence fulfillment using the mapping, wherein the synchronization rules depend on document preparation states of the agreed conditions and instructions for payment and the synchronization rules control a user's ability to override the propagated data fields;

receiving documentation from the exporter or exporter's agent corresponding to fulfillment of the agreed conditions for payment, without need for bank evaluation of the documentation;

electronically initiating an approval to pay following evaluation by the importer or the importer's agent that the conditions for payment have been fulfilled, modified or waived, the approval to pay corresponding to the instructions for payment; and

receiving a status update confirming payment of the exporter.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein setting authorizations further includes authorizations for the international shipment participants to view images of documents.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including sending draft conditions and instructions for payment to the exporter.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including advising the importer's bank of the agreed conditions and instructions for payment.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein payment is executed by the importer's bank, corresponding to the approval to pay.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including exposing to view by the international shipment participants status tracking information regarding

establishment of the conditions and instructions for payment,

the documentation of fulfillment and

the approval of fulfillment, or the abatement or waiver of the conditions for payment.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the exposed status information identifies, for particular roles, whether the particular roles are responsible to carry out a next step in

the establishment of the conditions and instructions for payment;

the documentation of fulfillment; and

the approval of fulfillment, or the abatement or waiver of the conditions for payment.

8. (Currently amended) A computer-aided method of collaborating on the terms and conditions of shipment and sale, the creation of documents and the tracking of an international shipment of goods and authorizing payment from a credit facility or demand deposit account, the collaboration including an exporter, an importer and an importer's bank, the method including:

setting authorizations for international shipment participants to view and edit aspects of data that

records conditions and instructions for payment from the importer to the exporter,

tracks progress of the international shipment participants toward meeting the conditions for payment, and

allows the importer to electronically approve payment of the exporter by the importer's bank from the credit facility or demand deposit account;

receiving and recording agreed conditions and instructions for payment to the exporter;

mapping fields of documents needed to evidence fulfillment to the data recording the conditions and instructions for payment and establishing synchronization rules for propagation of data among and editing of the mapped fields;

applying the synchronization rules to propagate the data to the documents needed to evidence fulfillment using the mapping, wherein the synchronization rules depend on document preparation states of the agreed conditions and instructions for payment and the synchronization rules control a user's ability to override the propagated data fields;

generating or uploading documentation corresponding to fulfillment of the conditions for payment, without need for bank evaluation of the documentation;

receiving notification that the importer's bank has been approved to pay the exporter, following evaluation by the importer or the importer's agent that the

conditions for payment have been fulfilled, modified or waived, the approval to pay corresponding to the instructions for payment; and

receiving a status update confirming transmittal of payment.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein setting authorizations further includes authorizations for the international shipment participants to view images of documents.

10. (Original) The method of claim 8, further including receiving draft conditions and instructions for payment from the importer.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the status update is generated by the importer's bank, corresponding to the approval to pay.

12. (Original) The method of claim 8, further including exposing to view by the international shipment participants status tracking information regarding
establishment of the conditions and instructions for payment,
the documentation of fulfillment and
the approval of fulfillment, or the abatement or waiver of the conditions for payment.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the exposed status information identifies, for particular roles, whether the particular roles are responsible to carry out a next step in

the establishment of the conditions and instructions for payment,

the documentation of fulfillment and

the approval of fulfillment, or the abatement or waiver of the conditions for payment.

14-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) A computer-aided method of collaborating on the terms and conditions of shipment and sale, the creation of documents and the tracking of an international shipment of goods and approving payment from a credit facility or demand deposit account, the collaboration including an exporter, and importer and an importer's bank, the method including:

setting authorizations for international shipment participants to view and edit aspects of data that

records conditions and instructions for payment from the importer to the exporter,

tracks progress of the international shipment participants toward meeting the conditions for payment, and

allows the importer to electronically initiate payment of the exporter by the importer's bank from the credit facility or demand deposit account;

receiving and storing agreed conditions and instructions for payment;

mapping fields of documents needed to evidence fulfillment to the stored data
recording the conditions and instructions for payment and establishing
synchronization rules for propagation of data among and editing of the mapped
fields;

applying the synchronization rules to propagate the data to the documents needed
to evidence fulfillment using the mapping, wherein the synchronization rules depend
on document preparation states of the agreed conditions and instructions for
payment and the synchronization rules control a user's ability to override the
propagated data fields;

storing and transmitting documentation corresponding to fulfillment of the agreed conditions for payment, without need for bank evaluation of the documentation;

processing an electronically initiated approval to pay, following evaluation by the importer or the importer's agent that the conditions for payment have been fulfilled, modified or waived, the approval to pay corresponding to the stored agreed conditions and instructions for payment; and

processing and exposing for view a status update confirming payment to the exporter.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein setting authorizations further includes authorizations for the international shipment participants to view images of documents.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17, further including transmitting between the importer and the exporter draft conditions and instructions for payment.
20. (Original) The method of claim 17, further including transmitting to the importer's bank the agreed conditions and instructions for payment.
21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 17, wherein the confirmation is initiated by the importer's bank, corresponding to the approval to pay.
22. (Original) The method of claim 17, further including exposing to view by the international shipment participants status tracking information regarding
establishment of the conditions and instructions for payment,
the documentation of fulfillment and
the approval of fulfillment, or the abatement or waiver of the conditions for payment.
23. (Original) The method of claim 22, wherein the exposed status information identifies, for particular roles, whether the particular roles are responsible to carry out the next step in
the establishment of the conditions and instructions for payment,
the documentation of fulfillment and
the approval of fulfillment, or the abatement or waiver of the conditions for payment.
24. (Currently amended) A computer-aided system that facilitates collaborative tracking of an international shipment of goods and approval of payment from credit facility, the collaborators including an exporter, and importer and importer's bank, the system including a computer system, including storage, resources and logic accessible by international shipment participants, the logic adapted to:
set authorizations for the international shipment participants to view and had aspects of data that
record conditions and instructions for payment from the importer to the exporter,
track progress of the international shipment participants toward meeting the conditions for payment, and

allow the importer to electronically approve payment of the exporter by the importer's bank from the credit facility;

receive and store agreed conditions and instructions for payment;

map fields of documents needed to evidence fulfillment to the stored data recording the conditions and instructions for payment and establishing synchronization rules for propagation of data among and editing of the mapped fields;

apply the synchronization rules to propagate the data to the documents needed to evidence fulfillment using the mapping, wherein the synchronization rules depend on document preparation states of the agreed conditions and instructions for payment and the synchronization rules control a user's ability to override the propagated data fields;

store and transmit documentation corresponding to fulfillment of the agreed conditions for payment, without need for bank evaluation of the documentation;

process an electronically initiated approval to pay, following evaluation by the importer or the importer's agent that the conditions for payment have been fulfilled, modified or waived, the approval to pay corresponding to the stored agreed conditions and instructions for payment; and

process and expose to view a status update confirming payment of the exporter.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the conditions and instructions for payment are selected from a plurality of INCO terms and specifying the conditions and instructions for payment includes choosing from a list of INCO terms.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the conditions and instructions for payment are selected from a plurality of INCO terms and specifying the conditions and instructions for payment includes choosing from a list of INCO terms.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the conditions and instructions for payment are selected from a plurality of INCO terms and specifying the conditions and instructions for payment includes choosing from a list of INCO terms.

28. (Previously presented) The system of claim 24, wherein, in the logic adapted to

set authorizations, the conditions and instructions for payment are selected from a plurality of INCO terms and specifying the conditions and instructions for payment includes choosing from a list of INCO terms.